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CANTON ARMY.

IMMEDIATE REFORMS DEMANDED.

UNITY OF CONTROL.

General Chang Kai-shek, as Field Marshal of the East River sector of Kwangtung, has drawn up a report calling for immediate reorganization of the army, which he has submitted to the Committee of Military Affairs at Canton.

Gen. Chang desires revocation of the title of Kuan Chang (General officer commanding an army corps or column) as such titles are conferred in case of active service against a common enemy, and are likely to be taken advantage of in times of peace or internal disorder.

He also wants the strength of the army to be fixed on a definite basis according to the revenue of Kwangtung Province, which is now estimated at forty to fifty million dollars annually. Half of this sum, he declares, should be set aside for military purposes. He desires the province to have a standing army of 100,000 well-trained and properly equipped men, as well as a territorial force. His idea is a standing army on a peace footing of 15 to 18 divisions, three stationed around Canton, three on the North River, two at Sui Hing, and one each at Waichow, Moyune, Swatow, Leung Yeung, Kao Chow and Luichow, Limchow and Yum Chow, and Hainan island.

Gen. Chang further desires that the pay and rationing services shall be placed immediately under an independent system of control.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

Six basic courses of study are desired for a systematised, centralized system of military education and training—administration, campaigning, communications, practical chemistry, practical medicine and surgery, and gunnery.

The fifth suggestion calls for improvement and extension of the work of the Arsenal without delay, with foreign expert assistance where necessary.

Finally, Gen. Chang insists on a standardised basis of enlistment in the army. Every man's record of service and previous conduct is to be examined, and he is to pass a probationary test if required. No ex-rebel officers are to be allowed to join the army on surrendering.

Superfluous distinguishing flags, now so much in vogue among military units, are to be abolished.

Gen. Chang calls for immediate institution of three reforms, which are designed to bring the whole army under unity of control, the sole command to be vested in the Committee of Military Affairs.

THE BOYCOTT.

MORE QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

UNOFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS.

London, Dec. 16.

In the House of Commons Mr. Ormsby Gore, replying to Mr. H. W. Looker with regard to the Canton boycott of British Goods, particularly British trade from Hongkong, reported that unofficial discussions were proceeding between the representatives of Chinese merchants in Hongkong and the Canton Strike Committee. He thought it was far more likely to German railways for a confer-

ASSASSIN'S PLOT.

GERMAN POLITICAL SENSATION.

Berlin, Dec. 16.

A plot to assassinate Dr. Stresemann, Foreign Minister, was revealed when the police arrested two extreme Nationalists named Koldorff and Lorenz. The deed was already planned in all its details, including the disguises and a motor car and aeroplane flight.—Reuter.

NORTHERN WAR.

JAPAN TO PROTECT FOREIGNERS.

LATEST WARNING.

Tokyo, Dec. 16.

A Government spokesman has stated that Chang Tso-lin and Kuo Sung-lin will be notified by the Japanese that no fighting will be permitted within six miles of the capital. The spokesman stated that all the Consuls have requested Japan to take all steps to protect foreigners in the capital. The Japanese troops have been instructed to maintain absolute neutrality and no more troops will be sent except those already mentioned, unless the situation demands it.

The spokesman explained that the Portsmouth Treaty allowed Japan approximately 15,000 railway guards in Manchuria, but even with reinforcements the total is only 8,000. The Japanese do not expect Chang to attempt to take refuge in Mukden, even as a private citizen, as his life is endangered by the Chinese, but he will probably flee to Dairen or other Japanese territory if defeated.

Official advices indicate that Chang's mercenary troops are near revolt and numerous lootings have been reported. Very strict measures are deemed necessary to prevent loss of lives and the property of nationals and foreigners. It is stated that Chang has previously removed most of his arms and munitions from the arsenal.—Reuter.

GERMAN AIMS.

WORKING WITH THE POWERS.

According to Havas, the general lines of the programme of Herr Koch will be the intensification of the spirit of Locarno, a world economic conference for the collaboration of nations, the constitution of a commission of experts to examine the fiscal law, and the ratification of the Washington Agreement on the eight-hours day, simultaneously with France, Belgium and England.

A communiqué from the Democratic Party declared that the chief factions of the future Coalition will arrive at an agreement of principle.—"Indopacif" Exclusive Service. (All rights reserved).

RAILWAY CONGRESS.

CONCLUDED IN MOSCOW.

Moscow, Dec. 16.

The International Conference of Railways finished here with a discussion of the services with the Far East and Western Europe. It accepted the invitation of the Canton Strike Committee. He

SWATOW STRIKE.

UNIONS' SETTLEMENT TERMS.

INCREASED PAY.

At a representatives' meeting the Swatow strikers held a few days ago, says the Canton Gazette, the terms for resumption of work to be set before the British were decided upon. They are as follows:

(1) Re-instatement—All strikers have to be given back their former duties which they performed before the strike. The wages and all allowances must also be given.

(2) The wages and all allowances of the strikers in various business firms, chief accounting offices, godowns, private residences, organisations and clubs during the time of the strike, must be paid, and cannot be delayed or reduced under any pretext.

(3) The bonus of the staffs in the Chief Accounting offices of various commercial firms during the time of the strike must be paid and cannot be reduced under any pretext.

(4) The British Consul in Swatow should co-operate with our Chinese officials and the Strike Committee to organise a Compensation Committee. The British Consul is to compensate all various labour unions for their losses.

(5) All good treatment of various commercial firms before the strike such as savings, gratuity, bonus and pensions must be increased in accordance with the proportion of the wages and should not be cancelled.

(6) After the resumption of work if commercial firms, factories, organisations, clubs, etc., intend to dismiss any labourers, they must obtain the approval of the labour unions under all circumstances before they dismiss their employees. If there are no reasons for their dismissals and the labour unions acknowledge that they are not satisfactory, protests can be raised. After making the protests, the employees cannot be dismissed. If any Chinese workers are to be employed, the commercial firms should also procure the approval of the labour unions.

These Chinese labourers who have not enlisted in the labour unions will not benefit by this rule.

(7) After the settlement of the strike, those British commercial firms that do not intend at the settlement of the strike to resume business, or intend to change their names on resumption of business, must employ their former employees when resuming business.

(8) The standard working hours for all offices will be six, while in the godowns, agencies, factories and residences it will be eight.

Extra pay and adequate allowances must be paid for any extra work beyond the standard working time.

A half holiday should be given to workers every Saturday.

Terms for good treatment of women and children labourers are to be stipulated.

The working hours of those labourers for transportation work or unloading of cargoes will be from 8 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. unless there are no vessels at the wharf.

If there are no vessels, the working time will stop at 4 p.m.

The work done, beyond the standard time is considered night work, and this should not be over 12 p.m.

Double pay must be given for night work.

(9) Work is to be stopped on all

ASSASSIN'S CAREER.

FORMER HONGKONG SCHOOLBOY.

Describing him as one who "nobly sacrificed his life on the altar of justice," the Canton Gazette gives some details of the career of Wei Teh, a cabin boy, who assassinated General Hung Shachin aboard the s.s. President Pierce recently.

It is stated that Wei Teh was a native of the Chung Shan district and was 27 years of age. He was born of a poor family and studied in Queen's College, Hongkong. Soon after he left school he served on board the s.s. Empress of Russia as a deck boy. During the rebellion of Chan King-ming in Canton, he together with his comrades Messrs. Yip Ying-chi and Wong Hong-tung, organised a propaganda society in order to denounce the crimes of Chan King-ming.

After this, he established an "Overseas' Union of Fund Raising" and after the late Dr. Sun returned to Canton, he together with his comrades organised a performance society called "Min Sing" on board the s.s. Empress of Russia, so as to raise funds for the Northern Expedition.

At that time he was nominated to join the Lung Yee Society by Messrs. Wong and Yip, but soon after he enlisted, he was not favoured by Chung Kwoon-kit (member of the conservative party) chief steward of Empress of Russia, so three of them resigned. Soon after he left there, he joined the s.s. Cheung Sing as a chief steward while Yip and Wong served in the s.s. President Grant. Wei Teh joined the s.s. Chung Sing for some time.

(10) The British Consul on board the ship up to the time when Hung Shachin was shot by him on the night of 7th instant.

The Gazette adds:—"It is learned that Wei had no appetite for amusements, but was fond of reading revolutionary books. He did not care to gossip or to waste time, and only was interested in National reform.

Moreover those comrades who sheltered themselves from troubles caused by the rebels were always assisted by him, so although he sometimes saved some money he spent all his savings for them."

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(14) Workers who are not putting up in the boarding house of the commercial firms and factories should be paid extra allowances of twenty per cent. of their wages for lodgings.

(15) If the cargoes of the commercial firms, purchased by the customers, are unloaded by the firm, the firm should compensate half of the original unloading price of the cargoes to the transporting concern.

The Echo De Paris says the Turks will only bow to strength.

The only way the British Empire can safeguard peace is to exorcise its strength resolutely.—Reuter.

(16) The following forthcoming wed-

dings are announced: Ernest

Edwin Hagger, of No. 21, Jordan

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in the Colony by the s.s. Karmala

from Scotland; Mr. Alfonso Ch-

LEAGUE AWARD.

IRAQ TO RETAIN MOSUL.

TURK OBJECTIONS?

Geneva, Dec. 16.

Reuter is unofficially informed that under the League sub-com-

mittee's arbitral award Iraq retains Mosul, under certain conditions, the chief of which is the extension of the period of the mandate. While the Brussels line will be main-

tained, there will be provision for free economic intercourse between Mosul and Turkish Kurdistan, also a guarantee for the use of the Kurdish language, and ratification of the twenty-five years Anglo-

Turkish treaty.—Reuter.

Geneva, later.

The League Council in public session has announced its unanimous decision to award Mosul to Iraq, making the so-called provi-

ctional Brussels line the definite Turco-Iraq frontier, provided the British Government submits a new Anglo-Iraq treaty ensuring the con-

tinuation of the mandate for twenty-five years. The latter is subject to a reservation that Iraq may be admitted to membership of the League before the expiration thereof.

As soon as, within six

months, the League's decision on the question of the continuation of the mandate has been brought to the Council's knowledge, the present

decision will be pronounced definitive, and the Council will indicate the measures required to ensure delimitation of the frontier line.

The Turkish delegates have not accepted the President of the Council's invitation to attend, but a letter from Tewlik Rushdi Bey, the chief Turkish delegate, has been received, reiterating the Turkish viewpoint, and declaring that Turkey has maintained her sovereign rights in Mosul.—Reuter.

FRENCH PRESS COMMENTS.

Paris, Dec. 16.

Commenting on the Mosul dis-

cussions, L'Oeuvre says that the decision of the League will be a rude shock to Mustapha Kemal, and hopes the latter will reflect care-

fully the consequences of an eventual attack on the forces at Iraq of Great Britain.

The Gaulois says the whole dan-

ger of the situation lies in the possibility of Turkey, supported by Soviet Russia, making a desperate gesture. The Gaulois opines that the Council of the League's verdict has been prompted by the hope that the dispute will be the subject of direct Anglo-Turkish negotiations.

The Petit Parisien foresees vigorous Turkish opposition to the decision, and adds that if the Turks indulge in a warlike adventure, Great Britain could invoke the covenant of the League to claim

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On these \$3.50 per share (being as to \$2.50 one-quarter of the nominal value of the share and as to \$1.00 the premium thereon) was paid on allotment and the balance (\$7.50 per share) will be paid when called up on the same basis as the remaining capital.

140,000 shares credited as fully paid up and ranking for dividend as from the 1st July, 1925, have been allotted to the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, in pursuance of the Agreement (hereinafter called "the Purchase Agreement") dated the 29th day of May, 1925, made between the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, of the one part and James Harper Taggart on behalf of the above Company of the other part.

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In allotting shares the Directors will, if there are sufficient applications from bona fide residents in the Colony of Hongkong, allot shares to such applicants only, and they will also pay due regard to the applications of telephone subscribers.

Directors.

The Hon. Sir Catchick Paul Chater, Marble Hall, Victoria, Hongkong, Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong.

The Hon. Mr. Percy Hobson Holyoak, of Messrs. Holyoak, Mansay & Co., Ltd., Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.

The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, of the Bank of East Asia, Limited, Victoria, Hongkong, Banker.

The Hon. Mr. Robert Horace Kotewall, of China Building, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.

The Very Reverend Father Leon Robert, of Missions Etrangères, Victoria, Hongkong, Missionary.

Robert Gordon Shawan, of St. George's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.

John Scott Harston, of Prince's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, Solicitor.

James Harper Taggart, of Victoria, Hongkong, Managing Director of The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

In pursuance of the terms of the Purchase Agreement, the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, and the Oriental Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, or either of these Companies, so long as these Companies or either of them hold in their or its own right not less than 100,000 fully paid up shares in the above Company are to have the right of nominating two Directors of the Company provided such Nominated Directors are bona fide residents of Hongkong. The first nominated Directors (nominated by the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited,) are the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mr. J. H. Taggart.

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A. L. Terry, A.C.I.S.

(a) The Company was formed on the 24th June, 1925, for the purpose of taking over the undertaking in Hongkong of the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, who was the Vendor thereof and whose Registered Office is situated at Alderman House, Alderman Walk, Bishopsgate, London, England. The material terms of the bargain are set forth in the Purchase Agreement, as follows:

(2) The Vendor Company will sell and the Hongkong Company will purchase as at the First day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five the said Telephone business and the whole of the undertaking in the Colony of Hongkong and the Dependencies thereof as a going concern (with the benefit of all assets thereat but exclusive of the net profits, investments, cash in hand, and in the Bank and debts due to the Vendor Company on the Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five) of the Vendor Company but free from all debentures, mortgages, or charges of any kind and the Vendor Company save as herein specially provided for shall pay and discharge all liabilities whatsoever incurred by the Vendor Company prior to the First day of July (One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five) including the satisfaction of all claims in respect of staff superannuation funds bonus funds and/or other bonus payments up to and including the Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five. Provided always and these presents are upon this express condition that the same shall be subject to the said James Harper Taggart being satisfied with the state and condition of the plant (including cables, conduits, etc.) of the Vendor Company. The said phrase "the undertaking" shall be deemed to include:-

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(k) The said consideration shall be satisfied (as to the sum of One million four hundred thousand Dollars "part thereof) by the allotment and issue to the Vendor Company of One hundred and forty thousand shares of Ten Dollars each in the Hongkong Company credited as fully paid up ranking for dividend as from the First day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five and (as to the balance thereof) by payment in cash in Hongkong Currency in Hongkong by the Hongkong Company to the Vendor Company."

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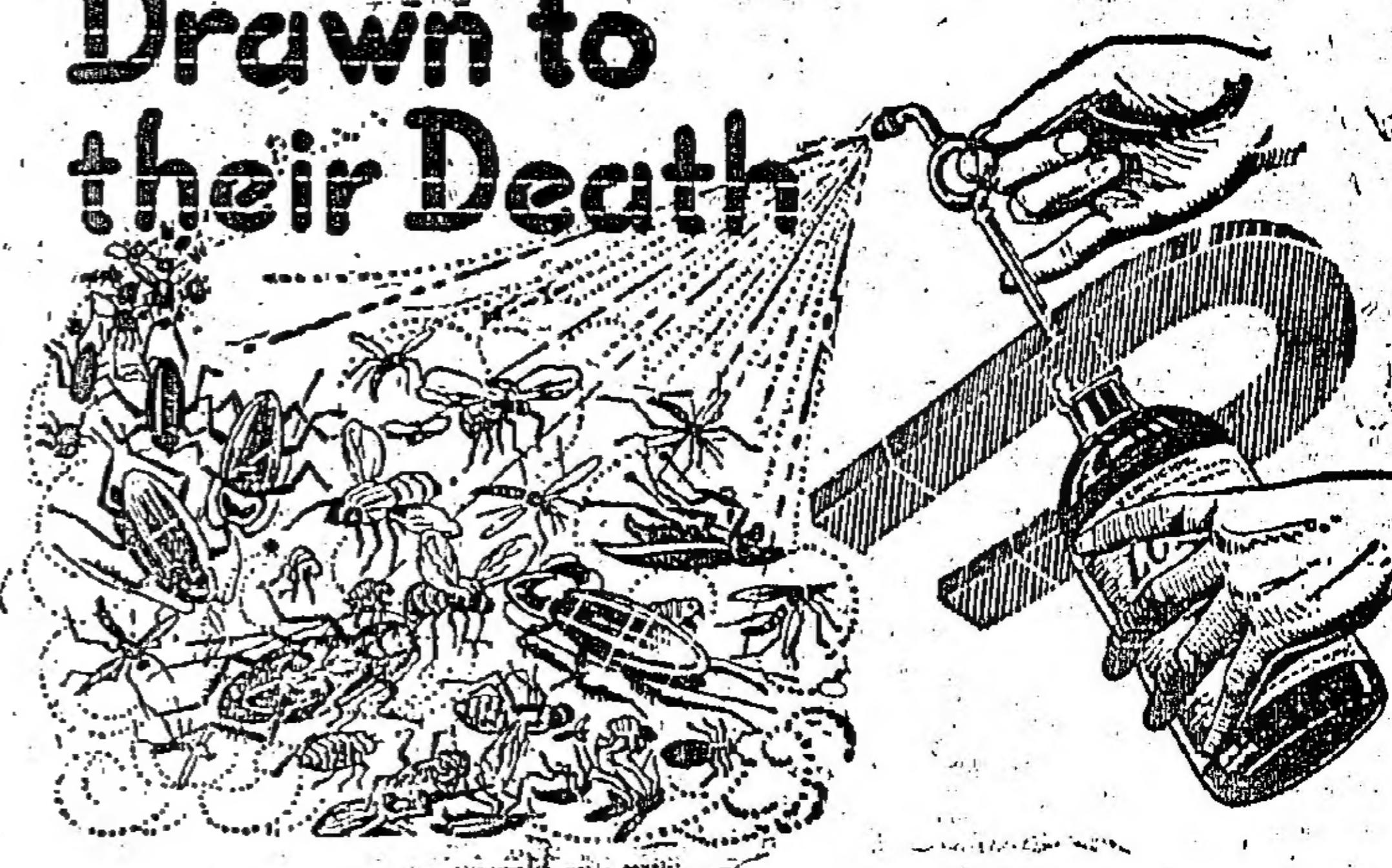
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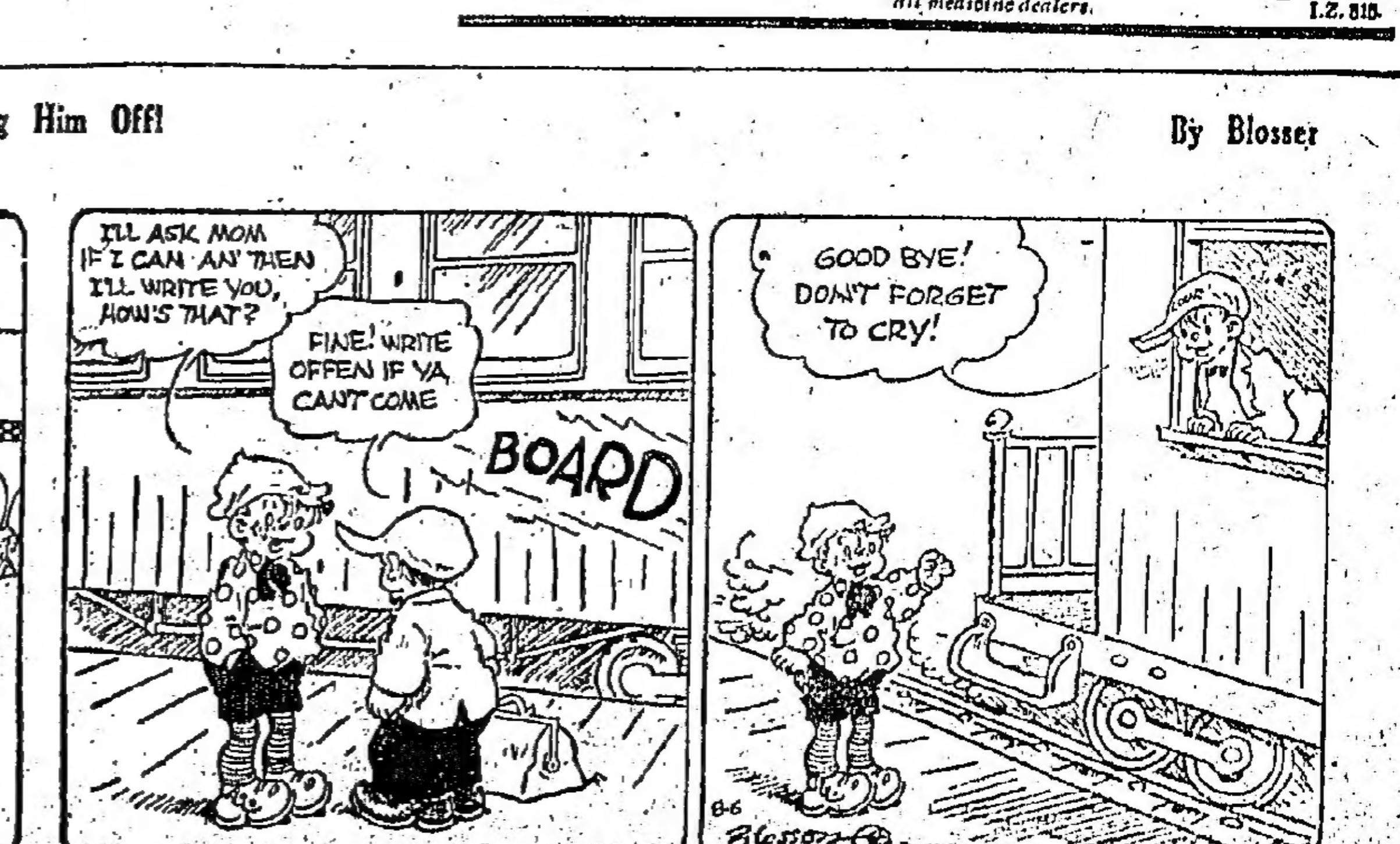


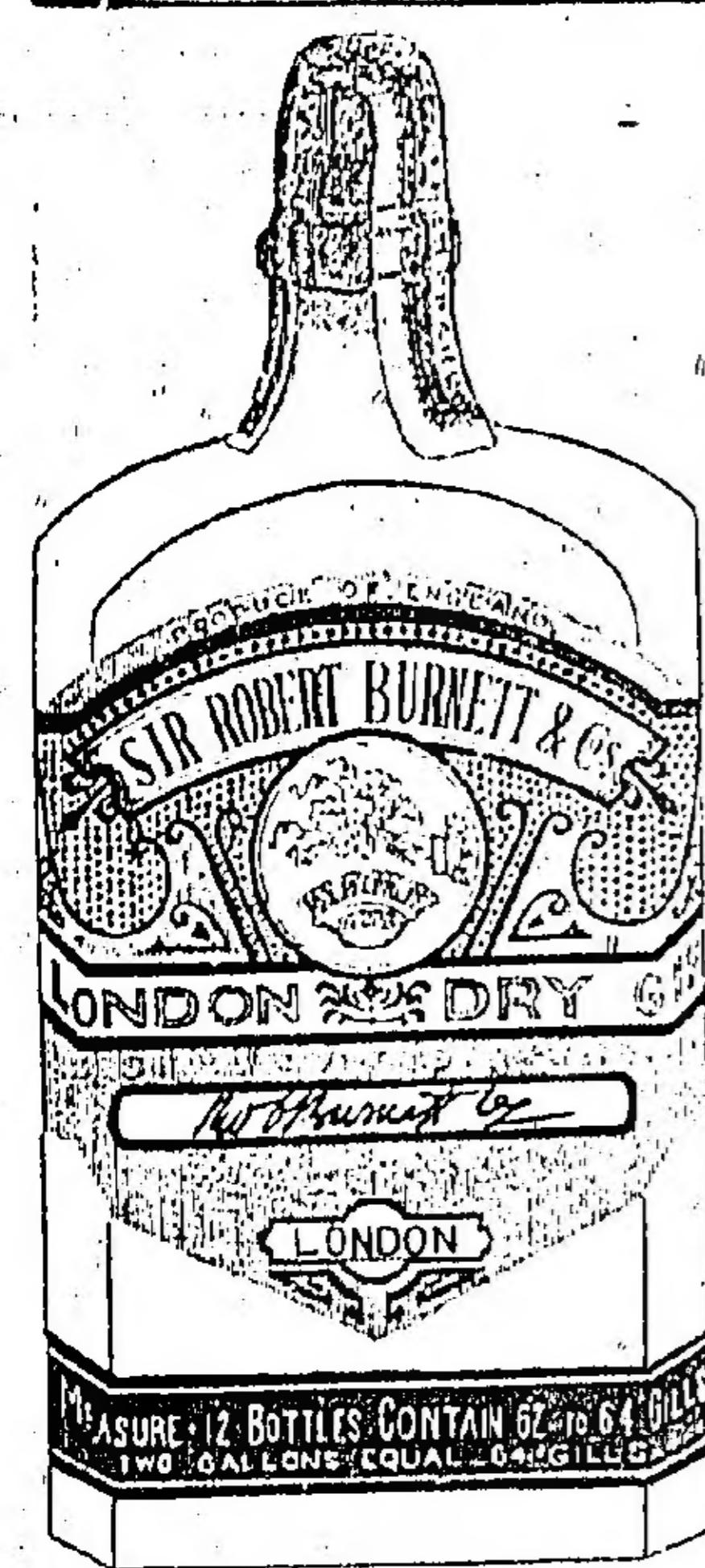
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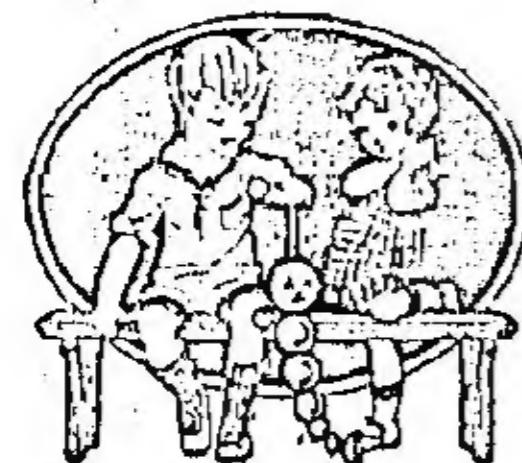
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WORLD SHIPPING.

Hongkong, as one of the world's greatest ports, is intensely interested in the state of shipping, which at the present time is passing through a period of extreme depression. According to the annual report of the operations of Lloyd's Register, in some important aspects the present depression is the most serious in living memory, and it is put on record that the situation is unrelieved by any prospect of improvement in the near future. On the one hand, there is a large amount of surplus tonnage afloat, brought about by building operations during the war, whilst, on the other, there is a serious shrinkage in the volume of the world's ocean trade, compared with pre-war times. With freights brought down below a paying level, and with no corresponding reduction in the costs of the production and operation of ships, Lloyd's declare that the position of shipowners and ship-builders has become one of unexampled difficulty. These are facts with which Hongkong is only too well acquainted, for in the matter of both of construction and operation this Colony has suffered greatly from the slump. As to the future, the opinion is viced by Lloyd's that there can be no permanent improvement until overseas trade revives and a more normal ratio is established between the cargoes to be carried and the vessels available for carrying them.

Some idea of the amount of shipping now available is to be gathered from the fact that at the end of June this year the total tonnage of merchant vessels afloat amounted to 28,466,965 tons, which is the highest ever recorded. Add to this the further fact that on this date there were under construction to the Society's classification 372 vessels of over a million and a half tons, and it is shown that the aggregate of shipping holding, or intending to hold, the classification of Lloyd's Register amounts to 9,962 vessels, of more than thirty million tons gross. Despite the conditions prevailing, new vessels continue to be built, for during the past year no fewer than 493 were assigned classes by Lloyd's, totalling 1,315,730 tons. Under

In memory of the late M. Paul Kremer, former Consul for France in Hongkong, who died at Hankow last week, members of the French community and many of the deceased's friends attended a Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's Church this morning. Draped in black, the interior of the edifice was in keeping with the impressive character of the service. The Rev. Fr. Robert, officiated at the altar, assisted by members of the French Mission and a choir, and amongst those present were the Pro-Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong, Rev. Fr. Spada, the French Consul and Madame du Courthial, the Portuguese Consul, and others. The service concluded with the playing of the Dead March in "Saul."

A collision occurred in the harbour yesterday, when a fishing vessel was run into by the steam launch Yu Cheong of the Hung Hom Ferry Wharf. The junk was hit on the port side and substantial damage was caused. None of the crew was hurt, and the vessel was ultimately brought to shore for repairs.

In a report to the water police, the master assesses the damage to his junk at \$1,000.

DAY BY DAY.

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The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 43/16d.

There was one Chinese case of enteric fever notified yesterday.

Effective desk and wall calendars have been issued by the Blue Funnel Line.

The quarantine restrictions imposed on arrivals from Japan have now been removed.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed by Hongkong on arrivals from Shanghai on account of small-pox.

Among residents who returned to the Colony from Home by the N.Y.K. Atsuta Maru yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. W. G. C. Burnett, Mrs. R. A. C. North and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scott.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts have received a cable from their Shanghai office stating that the Anglo-Dutch company has declared a third interim dividend of 20 cents, making 55 cents for 1925.

The Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies has approved the appointment of Mr. R. D. Acton, Malayan Civil Service, to be a Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of the Straits Settlements.

The Philharmonic Society played "Iolanthe" to a full house at the matinee performance yesterday afternoon, and gave much delight to a large gathering of children and adults. There are only three more performances to-night, Friday and Saturday.

Cleansing Kowloon.
We feel sure that the general opinion of Kowloon residents is in favour of the proposal to have the servants quarters of European houses there thoroughly cleansed and disinfected by the Sanitary Department. It must, indeed, be a matter of surprise to many to learn that a practice which apparently has been usual in the lower level districts of Hongkong island has never been applied to the mainland. The advantages of such a system in preventing infectious diseases, or enabling the spread, and enabling the discovery of possible insanitary practices, need not be emphasised. We trust that it will be made at least an annual practice in Kowloon in future. The other day we read a very interesting article on "An Outline of the History of Plague in Hongkong," contributed to the *Journal of the Royal Sanitary Institute* by Dr. A. G. M. Severn, the Ass't Medical Officer of Health, in which the following passage occurs: "Districts were treated in rotation, so that each tenement house was cleansed at least three times a year. This important measure is still being carried out with great success and with but slight modification. It has all the advantage of simplicity, efficacy and economy. Each inspector is allotted a certain number of floors daily; the occupants turn out their household possessions, the floors and cubicles are washed out, and the bed-boards are cleaned in portable iron tanks. An inspection is made for minor structural illegalities, rat-runs and similar holes are filled in with cement at once and all rubbish is carted away." This, the ordinary routine work in Chinese residential areas, has had most valuable results. The servants quarters of European houses provide the link between "Chinatown" and western sanitation, and might easily prove the means of infective contact. The introduction of systematic, periodical cleansing of servants quarters in all parts of the Colony must surely only be a matter of time. It appears to us to be long overdue.

Mr. Nicholas Roosevelt, a nephew of the late President Roosevelt, recently in Singapore, has been touring Java. He is connected with the *New York Times*, and, after ending his study tour through the Netherlands Indies, is visiting the Philippine Islands, to compare the systems of government, as a basis for future articles from his pen.

A concert is to be held in St. Stephen's Girls' College on Saturday December 19th, at 7.30 p.m. in aid of the Cathedral Organ Fund and the Mission to Seamen. An excellent programme has been arranged by the St. Stephen's girls and the pupils of Fairlawn School. It is to be hoped that the efforts of the girls to help others will be strongly supported.

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It is with much regret that we learn of the death of Mr. H. E. Stearns of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. Mr. Stearns, who until recently was Manager of the Society's Branch at Kobe, had been in poor health for some time and only recently passed through hope on the Mainland on his way home on sick leave. He was, however, unable to proceed farther than Colombo where he entered hospital and, following an operation, he passed away on the 14th instant.

HARBOUR COLLISION.**JUNK BADLY DAMAGED.**

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THREE BRITISH STATESMEN.

The British Premier and two ex-Premiers are here seen at the Cenotaph on Armistice Day. Left to right: Mr. Ramsay MacDonald (Labour), Mr. Stanley Baldwin (Conservative) and Lord Oxford (Liberal).

THE WELSH DAM DISASTER.

Picture shows some of the huge boulders brought down by the floods in the great Welsh dam disaster, when 180 million gallons of water swept down the mountain-side in a torrent 50 feet deep.

WELSH SOCIETY.**LAST NIGHT'S ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Cymdeithas Dewi Sant, Hongkong, which is the name of the national association formed by local Welshmen, was held at the offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Masters last evening, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Owen Hughes, the President.

The report of the Committee and the statement of accounts were adopted, following which the officers for the ensuing year were elected as under:-

President, Mr. J. D. Lewis; Vice President, Dr. W. Leslie Thomas; Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. Davies, of the Sanitary Department; Hon. Treasurer, M. L. E. Hopkins; Committee, Messrs. D. M. Richards, H. Owen Hughes, F. P. Williams, Hugh Jones, A. Morris, E. I. Wynne-Jones, Capt. R. D. Thomas, Mrs. E. I. Wynne-Jones, Mrs. Chesterton and Miss Buddug Roberts.

Apart from the routine business, the only matter to be considered by the meeting was the manner in which St. David's Day shall be celebrated and the Society's social activities for the year. Regarding this, announcements will be later.

The Society extend a very cordial invitation to Welsh people to become members.

The report stated that the Society's membership had increased from the original 18 to 55 at the present time. The Committee regretted with deep regret the death during the year of Capt. Woolacott, one of the founders of the Society. The financial statement showed a balance in hand of \$131.55.

FRANCO-GERMAN ATHLETICS.**WAR ANIMOSITY ENDED.**

Lausanne, Dec. 16. A conference of delegates of French and German athletic associations has decided that France and Germany should immediately resume their pre-war relations in the domain of athletics.

The first meeting of French German and Swiss athletes will be held in Switzerland next August, and a second between French and German athletes the same month in Paris. French athletes will visit Germany in 1926. Reuter.

AMERICA'S LOANS.**FOREIGN OBLIGATIONS CRITICISED.**

Washington, Dec. 16.

An unusually acrimonious debate in the Senate was occasioned by Republican efforts to deal with the Ialo-Belgian debt settlements before Christmas. Mr. Reed attacked the British settlement as "white-washing international bankers to permit them to make loans to debtor nations at 6 and 7 per cent." He asserted that under the Italian settlement the United States would not get one per cent of the principal.

Senator Smoot, however doubted Italy's ability to pay even the amount promised.

Several members bitterly criticised France. Mr. Smoot stated: "France has bluntly told us she owes us nothing, but unless she makes a settlement the franc will go the way of the mark."

The Republicans were forced to abandon their efforts to obtain immediate consideration of the agreements.—Reuter's American Service.

SINGAPORE LABOUR SUPPLY.**DEPLETED BY NAVAL BASE?**

London, Dec. 16.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. F. G. Penny, who drew attention to the allegation that the labour supply in the plantations in the vicinity of the naval base at Singapore had been greatly depleted by Government competition, Mr. J. G. C. Davison stated that he had been advised from Singapore that the present labour needs at the base were insufficient greatly to affect the supply of labour at Singapore, where there was a big demand at present owing to the prosperity of the rubber and tin industries. He added that the Admiralty officers were co-operating with the local Government. He would note the submission that the most suitable labour for naval purposes was recruitable from the northern and not from the southern provinces of India.—Reuter.

Falling from a 50 foot high scaffold at Hillsborough, Shefford, Harold Grimstone, a bricklayer, turned a somersault in the air and landed on his feet. He was dazed by the fall, but by the time a doctor arrived, he was at work again on the scaffold.

FRENCH CRISIS.

MUCH POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

Paris, Dec. 16. The Committee of Finance of both Chambers, having confirmed the vote to send back the tax proposals, M. Loucheur tendered his resignation. He declared he was ready to effect all the reductions, chiefly military and naval, which would have been indicated by the Committee. After hearing him, the Ministers, M. M. Blum, Landry, Rostaing, and Bokanowski, expressed surprise at such a sudden change. M. Bokanowski made an appeal for union, and set forth, on general lines, a programme of financial restoration with the view to putting a stop to the crisis.

The Cabinet examined the situation created by the resignation of M. Loucheur, and suggested that M. Doumer should be appointed Minister of Finance. M. Doumer outlined to M. Briand the general lines of his financial programme, and the conversations were continued in the afternoon.

The delegation of Controllers of Direct Taxation was heard by the Fiscal Sub-Committee. The Radical Socialist group declared that the scheduled taxes had reached their limit, but will be able to yield sufficient receipts if the staff of Controllers is increased by 220 assistants with fair salaries.

The Colonial Group of the Chamber, in view of rumours of the cession of two Colonies, voted in the Orders of the Day as follows:—"Considering that it will be immoral to allow the transfer of populations that contributed largely to the defence of the country and to victory, and considering that the Colonies are asked by the mobilisation of raw materials to take a decisive part in the economical rehabilitation of France, we protest against these suggestions, that wound the loyalty of the Colonial population."—"Indopacific" Exclusive Service. (All rights reserved).

SEIZED GOODS.

WRONGFUL PROCEDURE.

A judgment concerning goods seized for arrears of rent was delivered by Mr. Justice Wood, in the Summary Court this morning. The plaintiff was Li Chok-yuen, and the defendants Lau Han-sang and Cheong Yau-chee, the latter being managing partner of the firm Tung Tai, who claimed for wrongful distress. Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the claimant and Mr. R. A. Wadeson for the owner of the premises.

For three years, he said, prior to the issue of the warrant, a third floor room at 107, Wing Lok Street, was occupied by a man who was master of a river steamer, and there were also signboards there with the names of the "Tung Tai" and "Yat Wo" firms. At the time of the issue of the warrant, the tenant was two months in arrears of rent. A quantity of goods were seized, and the goods were claimed at the time as belonging to the "Tung Tai" firm. In the Colony, only goods in the apparent possession of the tenant could be seized, and the question to be decided was whether the goods were or were not in the apparent possession of the tenant. In his opinion, there could be no doubt that they were not in the apparent possession of the tenant, and distress had been wrongful.

He ordered that the property seized should be released to the claimant unconditionally; and, further, owing to the irregular way in which the claim had been presented to the Court he ordered that each party should pay their own costs.

U. S. ARMY SCANDAL.

MITCHELL COURT-MARTIAL NEARING END.

Washington, Dec. 16. Both the prosecution and defence have completed their cases in the Court Martial of Mitchell. An important event in the trial was the placing in evidence of a letter written by Mr. Weeks, then Secretary for War to Pres. Coolidge, describing Col. Mitchell as " unfit for a high administrative position," and as an officer whose course was so "lawless" that, despite an excellent war record, he had forfeited the good opinion of those most familiar with the facts. (Routier's American Service. (All rights reserved).

PLAY AND PLAYERS.

R. A. BEAT POLICE.

[BY "WANDERER"]

If only because they were a trifle quicker on the ball and tried the speculative shot at Clark without consideration of range or angle, the Royal Artillery deservedly defeated the Police by the only goal of the First Division match played at Kowloon yesterday. Neither side played well; there was far too much aimless kicking, and the referee appeared to be affected by the general confusion for once in the first half he succeeded in awarding a free-kick for offside from a throw-in. In order that there shall be no accusation of misrepresentation, I would mention that the linesman had signalled for a foul throw. But the fact remains that the throw-in was taken near the grandstand and the free-kick from a point approximately ten yards from the goal-line and ten feet from the touch-line.

The referee was Mr. Smyth and this was not his only error, or it would not have been mentioned. He gave several offside decisions in the course of the afternoon and more often than not he was wrong.

Noonan, the Police inside-left, once ran many yards to get to a ball falling in the goalmouth only to be pulled up because when he reached it he was a few feet ahead of both the back and Cornwall, who had centred the ball.

The Royal Artillery played go-ahead football and after twenty-five minutes went ahead. Pulford scoring with a fast shot from an awkward angle. The Police attack broke down utterly principally because the passes were going in anything but the right direction and the R. A. defenders were being presented, very obligingly, with free kicks.

In the second half with a strong wind in their favour the Police had more of the game but rarely looked like securing the equaliser. At the other end Miles found himself in possession 20 yards from the goalmouth with Clark somewhere in the vicinity of eighteen yards line. He could have walked, hooked, blown, back-heeled it into the net but he decided to take a shot and put it outside the post.

Two men played well for the Police, Wynne and Clark; the others probably did their best. Brittain as a centre-forward was an experiment which failed to come off though he put in a good shot in the first half. When he resumed his correct position in the second half he played a far more useful game, while Johns n played fairly well both at half-back and forward without doing anything to write home about. Randle did some good things at left-half but spoilt much of his work by fooling around with the ball. Orman would be a clever player if he could but recover rapidly.

On the Artillery side Trin. Reade, Rachel and Pulford were outstanding. The ball might have been the malformation of a rugby sphere. It was impossible to judge just how it would bounce and its use in a League match should not have been permitted.

England's team for the International Charity Cup game with China has been selected as follows: Wavish (Tamar); Wheeler (Kowloon) and Wynne (Police); Mitchell (Surreys); Sims (Kowloon); and Watson (Club); Charlesworth (Surreys); Mason (Kowloon); Humberstone (Surreys); Butler (Surreys) and Mackleworth (Surreys). Since there are six or seven probable importers in the team they should manage to defeat South China, and, in fact, should be capable of winning the competition. The match is to be played on Christmas Morning.

FRENCH TRADE.

THE LATEST FIGURES.

Paris, Dec. 16.

The French imports during the first 11 months of the year reached 38 milliards 500, an increase of two milliards 500 over the corresponding period of 1924.

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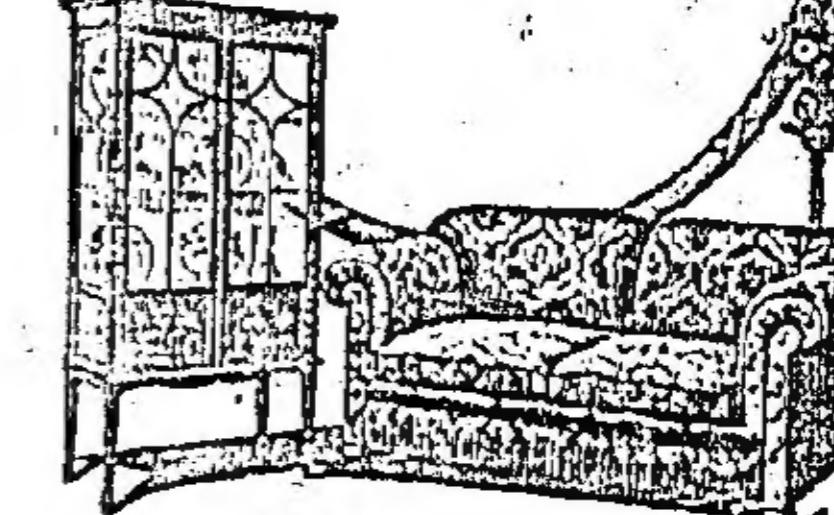
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WAKE OF THE ARMIES.

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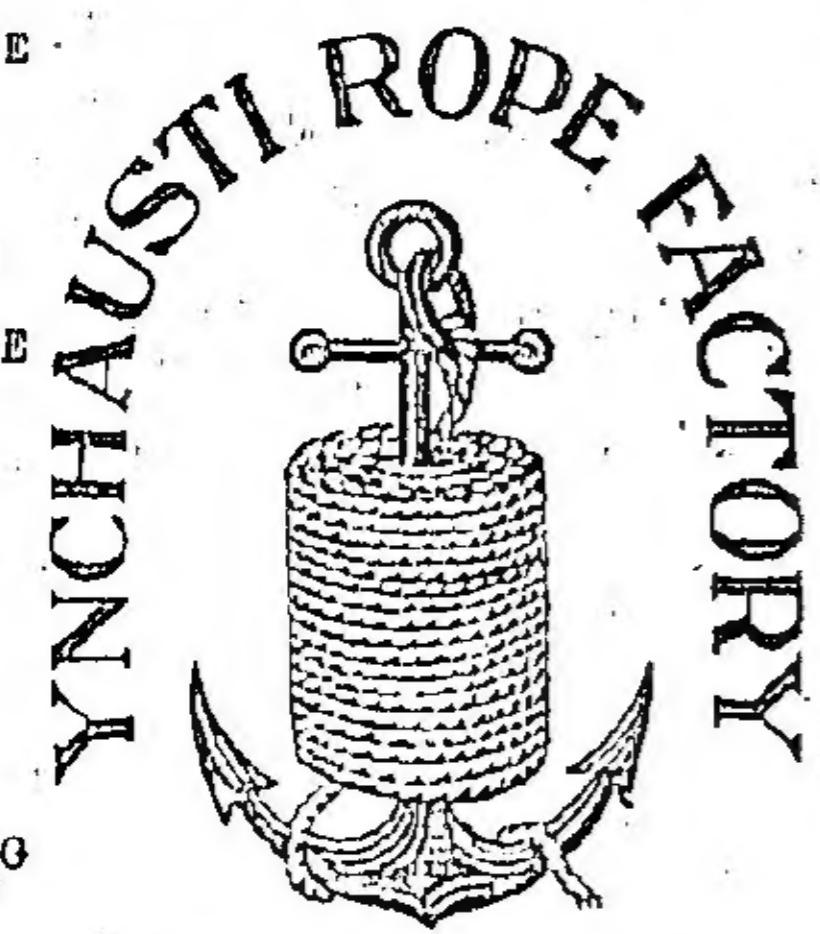
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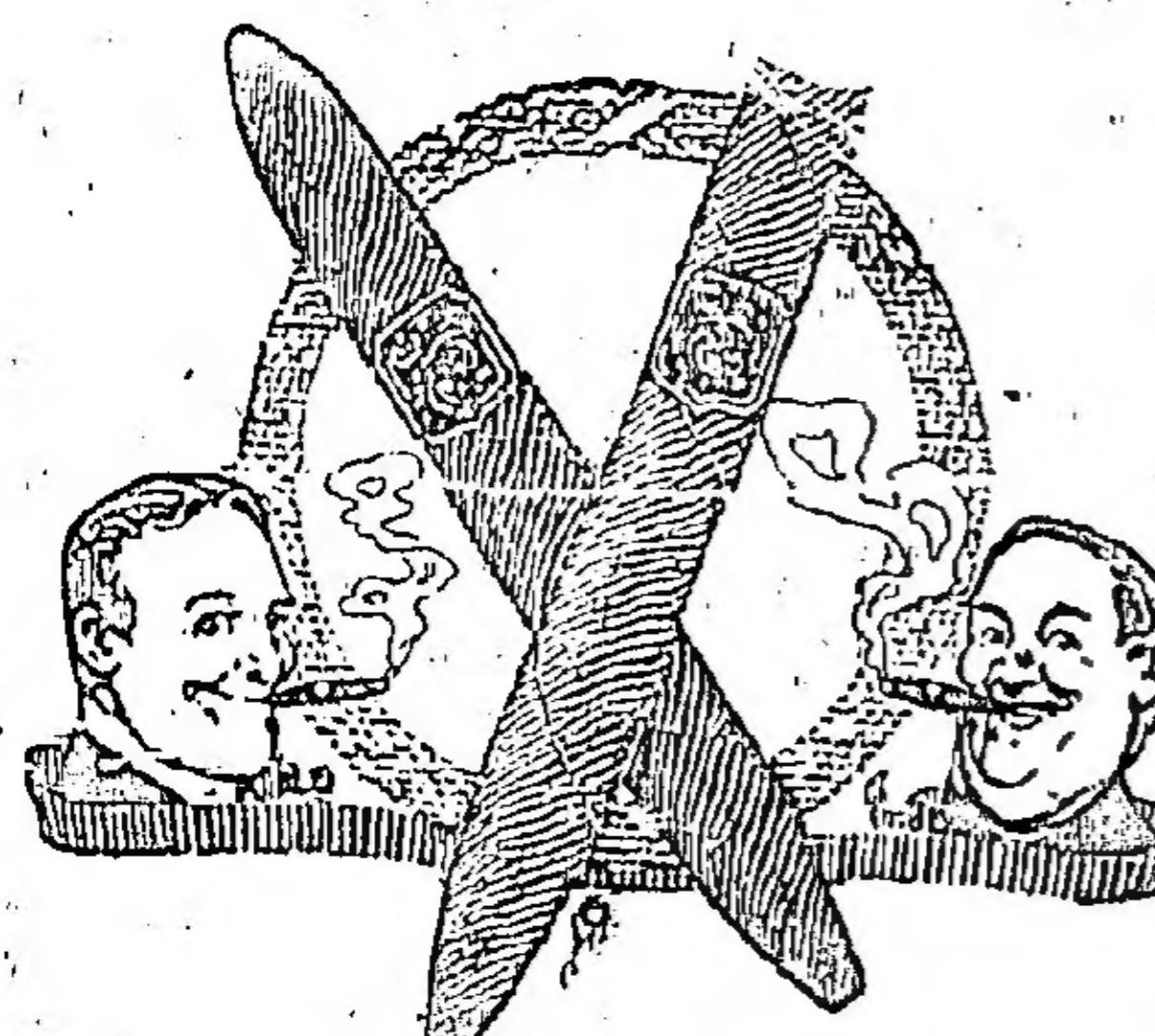
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DELL'ESEDRA.**ROME'S ATTRACTIONS.**

One of the comparatively popular and well-written histories of Rome appends a bibliography of historical works by thirty-eight different authors. This reference list mentions such standard volumes as Gregorovius, Mommsen, Gibbon, Milman, along with Zola and Benvenuto Cellini. It does not attempt to present the long list of classical writers, such as Sallust and Livy, and it avoids reference to ecclesiastical offerings which might plunge the student into a lifetime of Latin manuscript research.

The volumes of historical works on Rome in English, French, Italian and German would almost fill an average-size Carnegie library in America. The standard works more or less corroborate each other, and the lesser volumes are generally condensed rewrites of the others, although the subject of Rome is exhaustless. And it is because the epic drama of Rome is staged over such a period of the earth's time, with such properties and such characters, that the visitor feels a sense of bewilderment and forthwith rushes into a book store.

To any visitor who would seek the truth, in defiance to the natural prejudice and superstition and obvious falsehood of historical dreamers, the history of Rome becomes a mania. And when this dignified Roman chronicler, which might read honestly enough, comes in contact with conflicting authorities it is apparent that some historian along the line, pagan or Christian, has not been telling the truth. And so the reader had best stick to Gibbon, to the German Gregorovius, to Livy, who wrote as if he had access to the leading Government newspapers of antiquity, if there had been newspapers, to Tacitus and Plutarch and Suetonius. It might be a good idea for some fearless, muckraking scholar to write a history of the historians themselves, giving all the palace scandal.

The Piazza dell'Esedra in Rome is most likely to evoke just such historical turmoil in the mind of the new arrival, because the piazza is the first monumental spot one sees from the railroad station. With a guide book in hand, or with a map history of Rome, one might stand in the centre of this rather beautiful place and fade into a sort of crystal-gazing attitude and watch the centuries parade by. And they would parade by in the utmost confusion.

This Piazza dell'Esedra is one of the most interesting, one of the most imposing, one of the most important, and one of the most modern of the great open spaces of Rome. It is the foreigner's introduction to Rome, after the complicated railroad station barrier has been accomplished. The piazza in front of the railroad station is really a part of this leading piazza because the whole area about the high and central portion of Rome belongs properly to the spacious Baths of Diocletian. And so the piazza is also called the Piazza delle Terme, after the thermal station which the plebeian emperor gave to the people. The word Esedra presumably comes from the Latin exedra, which described the great semicircular apse that was in front of this side of Diocletian's bath.

The high Roman brick walls, rising in majestic arches and broken domes, stand firm above the clatter and noise of the piazza, and the exedra, or semi-circle, is preserved nobly in the identical dimensions, except that the curved sides framing this piazza are formed by two arcs of modern travertine buildings, with high arcades along the street level, where the populace amuses itself in cafés, restaurants, bars, shops and motion-picture theatres.

Running off this piazza, perpendicular to the ruins of the baths, splitting the semicircle in two, is the Via Nazionale, which cuts a sheer line into the heart of Rome to the centre of the old town, the Piazza Venezia, over which presides in towering whiteness the marble monument to Victor Emmanuel, and where begins the old narrow Corso Umberto, with its balconies, its palaces, cafés, tablets, stores and banks.

The Piazza dell'Esedra is a good ample piazza from which to start one's ramble about Rome, and it is wide and airy enough to permit an exasperated traveller to collect his historic thoughts and decide whether he will run wild with a guidebook or first read a short, comprehensive, ungarnished tale of Rome and organize his own

expedition. A few minutes of contemplation is advisable, unless the traveller is rushing through like Alaric, bent on sacking Rome in three days.

But for the average tourist contemplation is perhaps more preferable than crowded stupefaction, that guide-book blindness to the essential beauties of Rome. It is important to see St. Peter's, the Vatican, the Coliseum, the old Forum, the sunset from the Pincian Hill Terrace, the four main basilicas, the Palatine Hill, the Capital Museum and the National Museum, which is in the baths of Diocletian. Many other points like Hadrian's Tomb and the obelisks may be seen en route.

But by all means, when dates and emperors and popes begin to swim hazily about in the over-worked memory, take a little blue cloth-covered table under the arcade of the Piazza dell'Esedra, order ice cream, vermouth or orangenda, or even a whisky and soda, and reflect on the beauty of the plaza. It is cool in the great arched arcade, and if the plaza is hot there is a splendid sportive fountain in the middle of the broad stony piazza—the fountain of the naiads, and the last papal gift to Rome before 1870 and the retirement to the Vatican.

The sculpto Rutili has done much to compensate Rome for the loss of the Diocletian baths. Here is a real fountain, with indolent, frolicsome naiads, with seahorses, dolphins and a great upsurge of kicking, splashing water. It is cool to look at; it seems to be fed by an ocean pressing upward underneath the main jet, instead of by the springs of Quintus Marcus Rex, which the guidebook says are thirty-six miles away, at Tivoli. It is the finest fountain in Rome, because its whole idea is one of rioting, reveling abundance. Its joyous naiads have been sternly criticized for their indecorous attitudes. Those are the kind of erotes who would go across the piazza into the National Museum, just inside the ruins of the Diocletian baths, and have a cast-iron bathtub fitted over the Greek master-piece worshipped by sculptors as the Venus of Cirene.

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MAN AT HIS BEST.**WHAT IS BEST AGE?**

experience are usually those of the greatest intellectual output. Neither is man at forty so inflexible as to make him unsuited for marriage, despite the popular theory.

The Achievements of "Old Men." Macaulay once said that "of all good books now extant in the world, more than nineteen-twentieths were published after the writers had attained the age of forty." Even among the poets, who frequently show a surprisingly early development of their powers, there are interesting examples of the pinnacle of their genius being reached well after forty. Milton did not complete his "Paradise Lost" until he was fifty-seven. Pope wrote the "Essay of Man" when he was forty-five; Cowper his "Task" at forty-nine; Wordsworth "The Excursion" at forty-four. Virgil died when fifty-one leaving the "Aeneid" unfinished; Dante's "Divine Comedy" was only written when he was nearly fifty.

But one might go on, proving in incontrovertible fashion, that the "old men" are the greatest creditors of mankind. However, it is not only in literature, as might be supposed, that this is true. The famous Cromwell had no experience whatever of fighting until he was forty. At fifty he was the most renowned general in Europe; at fifty-four, in the position of Lord Protector, he was the virtual dictator of England. Handel was no exceptional musician until he was over forty, and not until he was fifty-seven did he perform his tour de force of writing The Messiah in three weeks.

But as a matter of hard fact it is the middle years of a man's life that see his powers at their zenith. And, furthermore, it is far more frequent for a man to be at the height of his powers when he is old than when he is young. Too old at forty may be a popular cry, but like many another age-old maxim it has only a mythological foundation. After forty the intellect is not ripe for decay, but in most cases is ripe for further development. Forty is not the beginning of the decline of mental powers, but the herald of years which mellowed by

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old age.

No, senile decay does not begin at forty, nor even sixty!

FASCIST OUTRAGE.**JUGO-SLAWS SUSPICIOUS.**

Belgrade, Nov. 9.—The Fascist outrage against the offices of the Slovenian newspaper, Edinstvo, in Trieste, which was demolished and burned by Italian Fascists Friday, created intense bitterness and disquietude throughout Jugo Slavia.

Foreign Minister Ninchich had a hard time trying to assure deputies of the opposition parties that he would be in a position to give a reassuring answer on the outrages. He had to admit, however, there had been a Fascist demonstration against the Jugo Slav Consulate in Trieste, as well as the newspaper.

A crowd of angry Serbs started a demonstration against the Italian Consulate in Ljubljana but was dispersed by the police.

Behind the Trieste episode is seen a growing desire of Italy to get involved with Jugo Slavia in some way which would justify military seizure of the Dalmatian coast, an impression that has been heightened by Premier Mussolini's rattling of the sabre in his recent utterances.

Jugo Slavia and Italy have signed a friendship treaty, but this has failed to quiet Jugo Slavian suspicion that the Italians are getting ready to invade Dalmatia at the first suitable moment. It is even suggested that Italy encouraged the Greeks to invade Bulgaria, in the hope it would lead to Jugo Slavian interference, which then would be used as a pretext for the seizure of Dalmatia.

Belgrade officialdom is keeping cool and the Foreign Office is busy explaining that the Fascist attacks in Trieste are no new phenomenon and that they never before involved the Governments in quarrels.

Unofficially it can be said that the Government is extremely nervous over signs pointing to preparations by Italy for new demonstration of power.

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(Notice Continued From Page 4.)

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Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1925.

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on **SATURDAY,** the 19th December, 1925, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street (for account of the concerned)

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A Large Quantity of Old Cordage, Fire Wood and Old Packing Cases etc., etc.

Particulars and Terms of Sale as per Catalogue.

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on **MONDAY,** the 21st December, 1925, commencing at 5.15 p.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

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(Particulars as per Catalogue.) On view from Saturday, the 19th December, 1925.

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The property comprises the messuages or dwelling houses known as No. 244 and 246 Des Voeux Road Central and contains an area of 1682 Square Feet or thereabouts. Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from the office of

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In One Lot.

The property comprises the messuages or dwelling houses thereon known as Nos. 5, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 17, Central Street, each of which covers an area of 845 Square Feet or thereabouts. Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from the office of

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Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1925.

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The Very Valuable Leasehold Property situate at Victoria aforesaid and being Section A and The Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 127 and Section A, Section B and The Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 1,303

In One Lot.

The property comprises the messuages or dwelling houses thereon known as Nos. 20 and 22 D' Agular Street and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Yan, Shaw Lane and contain a total area of 3716 Square Feet or thereabouts. Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from the office of

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1925.

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THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY (1918) LIMITED.**THE SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

SHAREHOLDERS in the above
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Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday, the 21st December, 1925, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th September, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 14th to the 29th December, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

J. D. THOMSON,
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Hongkong, 11th December, 1925.

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1925.

GIRLS OF TO-DAY.**PITFALLS IN SPEECH.**

Miss Violet Vanbrugh, the actress, offers some useful advice to the modern girl in her charming little autobiographical volume, "Dare To Be Wise," published recently (Hodder and Stoughton).

"The standard of manners today has changed," she writes, "greatly owing to the different relationship that has been established between the sexes, but it is up to the girls to see that this standard does not fall too low."

"We cannot expect good manners from men if our manners to them are rough or too free and easy. The initiative comes from the woman, and only an extremely insensitive or unobtrusive man will fail to take his cue from the women."

"Ill-mannered, ungracious people, be they shop-girls, telephone operators or duchesses, are very foolish people—foolish in their own interests; for moments come in the lives of every one of us, no matter how self-reliant we may be, when we need the outstretched hand."

"To exaggerate and be indiscriminate in the use of words is a temptation you must avoid. It leads to insincerity and artificiality."

"In language to-day we have a reign of terror." Everything is terribly nice, terribly kind, terribly amusing, terribly funny. Just as when I was a little girl things were 'awful.'

"I remember as a little girl being corrected by a friend of my father's—Dr. E. A. Freeman, the Regius Professor of History at Oxford—for saying, 'I was awfully glad to see him.'"

To girls about to marry Miss Vanbrugh advises:

"As love is blind we cannot absolutely choose whom our love will enshrine, but we can try to realize what a tremendously important choice it is, and try to use judgment."

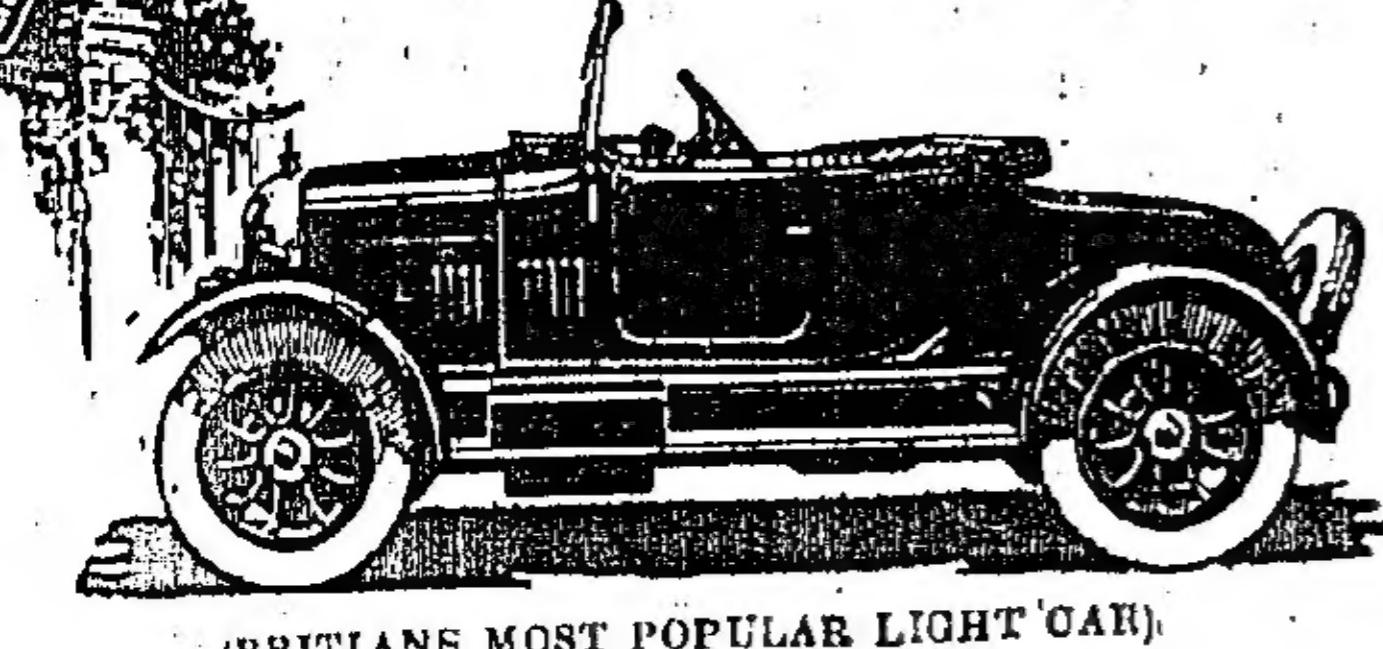
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ATLANTIC BRIDGE.

JUNCTION OF AMERICA AND SCOTLAND.

A theory that America and Scotland were once joined together by a bridge of land is advanced by three American scientists who have just returned from a geological survey of the coasts of northern Europe.

Drs E. O. Ulrich, C. E. Resser and R. M. Field made the survey. They came to the conclusion they did because a sharp difference was found between the fossils of ancient marine animals found on the Scottish coast and those found on the coasts of England and central Europe.

Differences are also found in the fossils found on the northeastern coast of Newfoundland and the southeastern coast of Newfoundland. But the surprising discovery made by the American scientists was that the fossils found on the Scottish coast and those found on the northeastern Newfoundland coasts were identical.

Their conclusion, therefore, was that a land bridge stretched from Scotland to Newfoundland, making it possible for marine life to spread from one country to the other, north of the land bridge, but making it impossible for these creatures to get to the south at either the American or European end of the bridge.

GEOLOGICAL DOUBT.

It remains to be seen how geologists in general will regard this new theory. It has been accepted as a fact for a long time by most geologists that America and Asia were once joined by a land bridge where the Behring Straits flow between Siberia and Alaska. This, however, is a very narrow body of water and not a part of the great ocean.

Most geologists are inclined to believe that the general distributions of land and ocean were always approximately as they are now though at times large portions of land sank below sea-level and were flooded with shallow bodies of water flowing in from the oceans.

The theory of a land bridge between Scotland and Newfoundland, it would seem, runs counter to this belief.

There is a theory, however, which has been advanced by some European geologists which would tend to fit in with the land-bridge theory. It is one, though, which American geologists have regarded with little enthusiasm.

This is the theory that the continents have not been stationary upon the surface of the earth but that they constitute super-structures which have moved or slipped along the lower rock structures.

It is possible, upon the basis of this theory, that Newfoundland and Scotland may have been much closer to each other at one time than they are now.

DIABETES CURED.

SUCCESS OF RECENT DISCOVERY.

Insulin, when first discovered, was regarded merely as a treatment and not as a cure for diabetes. That is, it was supposed that the patient would have to continue indefinitely upon an insulin treatment.

This was because diabetes results from a diseased condition of the pancreas. The pancreas fail to supply the necessary secretion to the blood stream and as a result insulin must be taken to supply this deficiency.

But Dr. F. G. Banting of Toronto, one of the discoverers of insulin, announces now that he believes insulin may also act as a cure.

He says that recent investigations seem to show that as a result of the insulin treatment, the pancreas of diabetes sufferers seem to undergo a regeneration and begin to function again.

In a number of cases which were not very severe, it has been possible to discontinue the insulin treatment, he says.

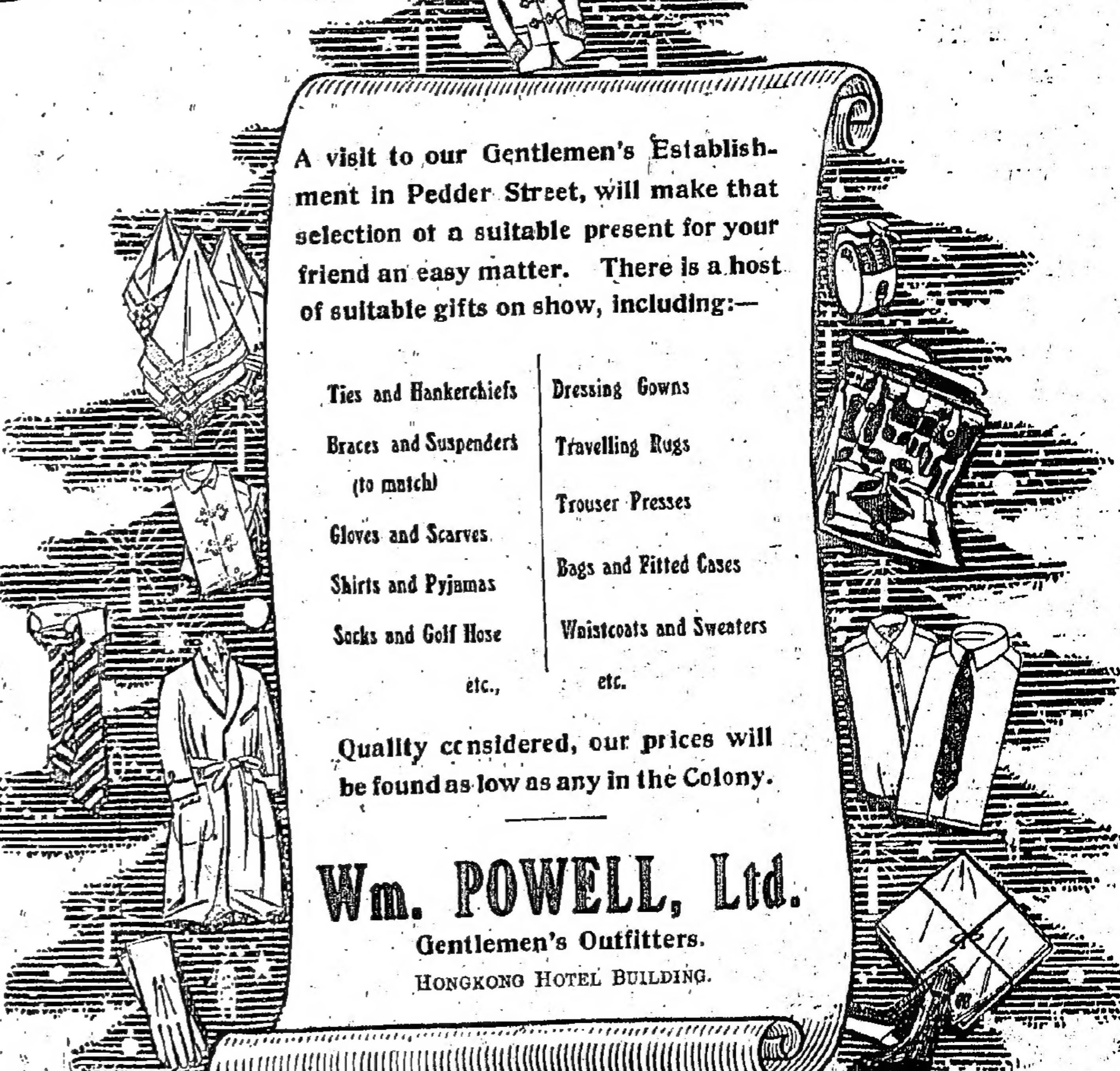
Canadian oysters are now being used to restock the oyster beds of Europe. The wave of popularity that has swept the Malpeque oysters on to the table of the epicures of the old countries has resulted in a determined attempt to induce their breeding in the oyster beds of France and England. Two shipments have already been despatched to England and France and further consignments are expected shortly.

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BUSINESS
Election of New Members, General.

NOTICE.

Mrs. Diana Watts is arriving in Hongkong on Monday next by the "President Van Buren" and will lecture at the Theatre Royal that same evening, December 21st, at 9.15 on "The Principles of Greek Balance" and on Tuesday afternoon, the 22nd, at 5.15 on "The Science and Art of Perfect Movement." Mrs. Watts makes her lectures particularly interesting by illustrating them in her own person and ends the second lecture by giving an archaic Greek dance. All profits to go to the M.C.L. funds. Booking at Mouries's

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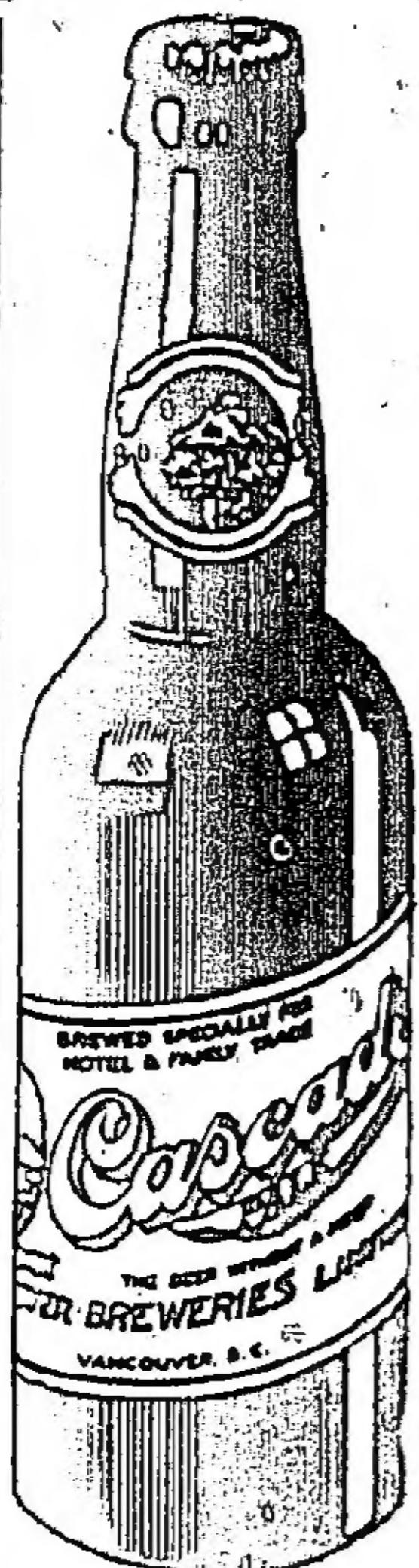
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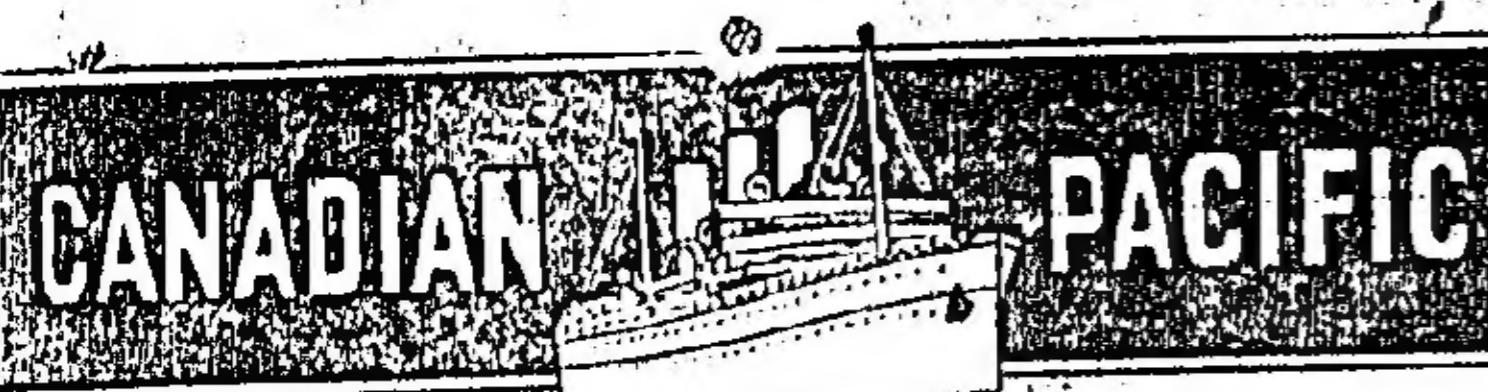
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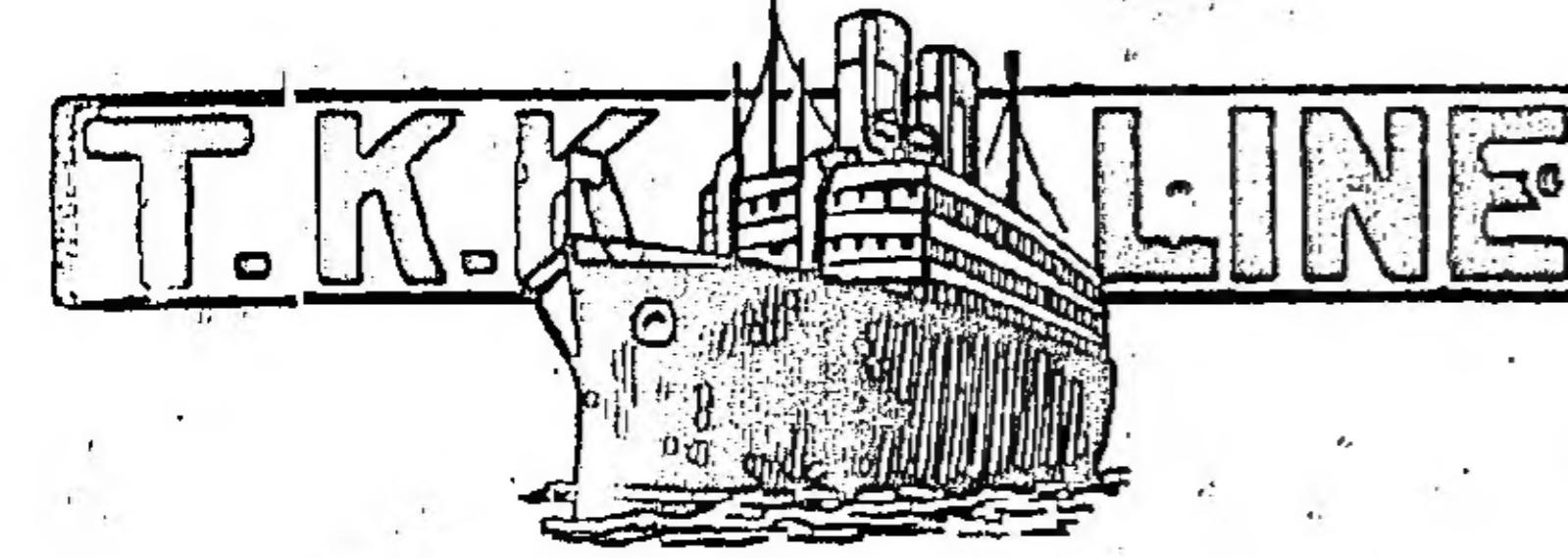
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EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 22		
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Mar. 19	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Apr. 5		
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 19		
EMPERESS OF AUSTRALIA	Apr. 16	Apr. 19	Apr. 22	Apr. 24	May 5		
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Apr. 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17		
EMPERESS OF CANADA	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 22	May 31		
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	May 28	May 31	Jun. 3	Jun. 5	Jun. 14		
EMPERESS OF AUSTRALIA	Jun. 11	Jun. 14	Jun. 16	Jun. 19	Jun. 30		
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Leave	Arrive	Leave	Arrive
Dec. 18	Dec. 20	E/CANADA	Dec. 21 Dec. 23
Jan. 1	Jan. 3	E/HUSSIA	Jan. 4 Jan. 6
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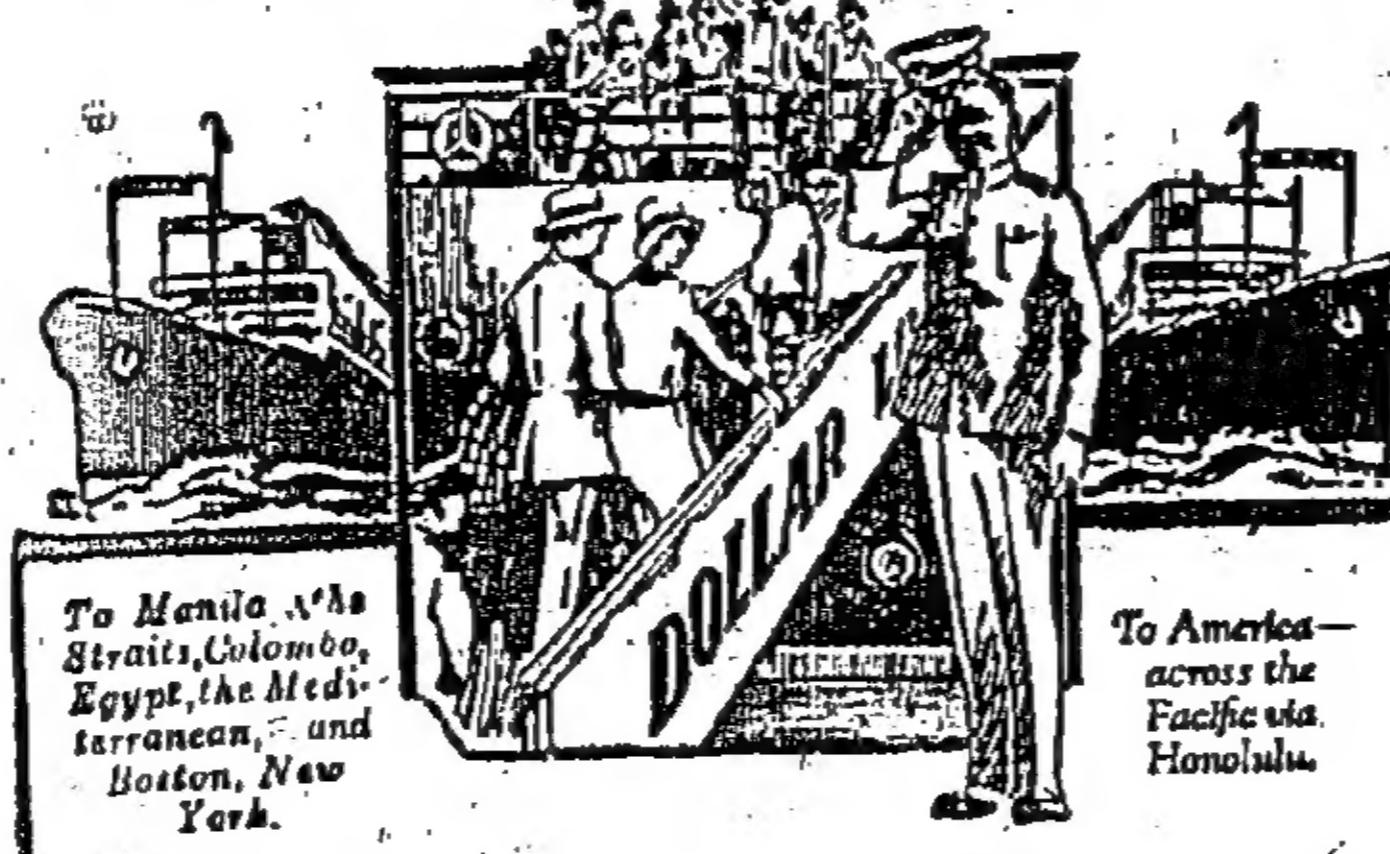
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Tjikarang	Batavia	27th Dec.	29th Dec.	Shanghai
Tjikini	M'kear	28th Dec.	30th Dec.	Japan
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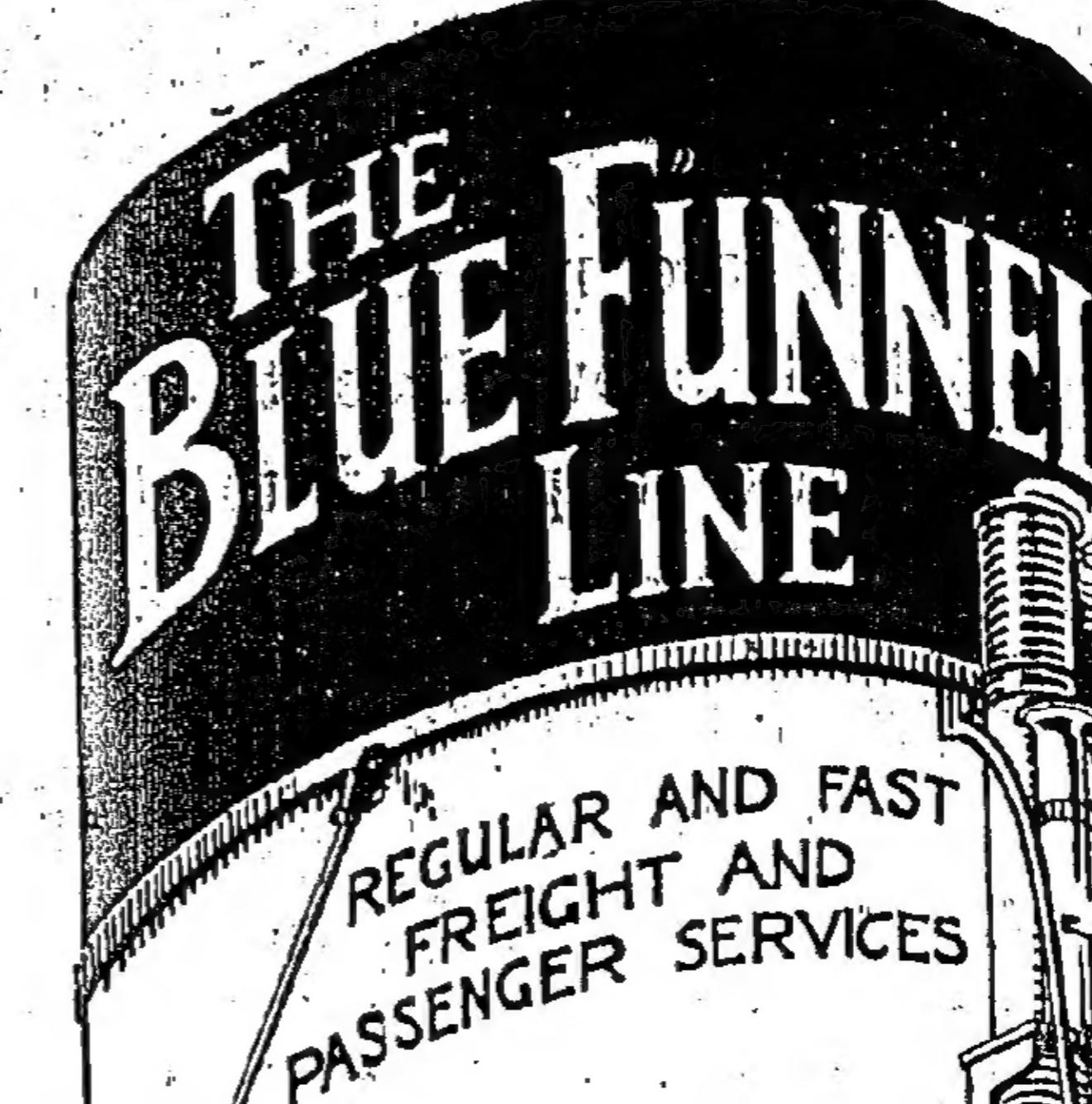
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DELTA	8,097	4th Feb.	S'pore, P'ng, Cbo & B'ay
MALWA	10,941	6th Feb.	M'les, London & Antwerp
KARMAKA	9,128	20th Feb.	M'les, London & Antwerp
MARTHA	10,902	6th March	M'les, London & Antwerp
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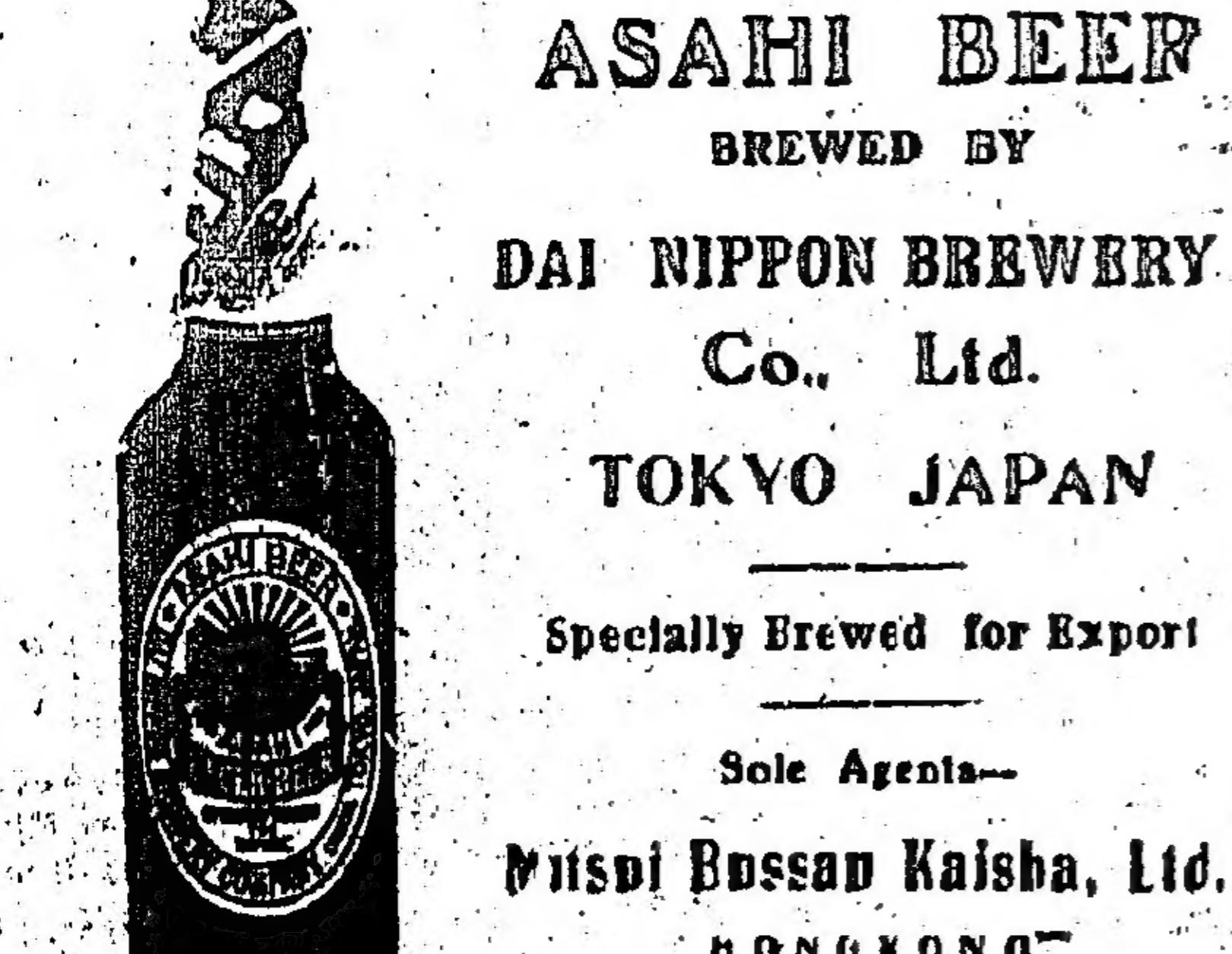
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Manila	Pres. Taft	December 18.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Chin Kiang	December 19.
Europe via Negrumpatam (Letters and Telegrams London, 19th November)	Takuda	December 20.
Australia and Manila	Changsha	December 21.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Van Buren	December 21.
Japan	Tango Maru	December 22.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	December 23.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	December 23.
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U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	December 25.
Scotia	Kashima Maru	December 28.

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For	Per	Date
Japan and Victoria, B.C.	Iyo Maru	Thurs., Dec. 17, 5 p.m. (Due Victoria, B.C. 14th June, 1926).
Turkmen	Pres. Taft	Thurs., Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
Port Bayard	Jude	Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
Hochow and Haiphong	Taining	Fri., Dec. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Hilo	Pakhoi	Fri., Dec. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Fri., Dec. 18, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe	Parcels	Sat., Dec. 19.
Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superseeded "via Siberia" only)	Registration	Nov. 24.5 p.m.
Scotia, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe	Letters	3.30 p.m.
via Marmalie	(Due San Francisco, 13th Jan., 1926).	
Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.	Per	

Since the opening of navigation
on April 1, 1924 trans-Atlantic
and coastline vessels have entered
the port of Montreal, as compared
with 1,086 last year. The amount
of tonnage represented by these
vessels is 4,600,287 this year, as
against 3,662,210 last year for the
same period. There is a very
noticeable increase in the number
of trans-Atlantic vessels entering
the port, while there has been a
decrease in the number of coast-
ing ships.

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LAWN BOWLS.**INTERESTING MATCH FOR
SATURDAY.**

Considerable interest is being taken in a lawn bowls match which is to be played on Saturday on the Kowloon Green Club's ground between the Club and bowling members of the Scottish Company of the Defence Corps. There will be six rinks aside, and play will start at 2.30 p.m. This will be the second occasion on which a fixture between these sides has been held. The Scottish Company's rinks will be as follows:

Messrs. G. M. Shaw (skip), R. M. Dyer, J. Reid and J. B. Ross. Messrs. G. Morrison (skip), P. Stewart, Major Black and H. E. D. Adams.

Messrs. A. McFarlane (skip), McKeller, H. McTavish and A. W. E. Davidson.

Messrs. J. Russell (skip), J. A. Douglas, F. C. Goodman and E. Docherty.

Messrs. W. Johnstone (skip), B. Wylie, G. Duncan and J. Jack. Messrs. F. Fraser (skip), D. Keith, G. Cooper and D. Hazel.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor, Hongkong
Telegraph.]

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Sir,—With reference to "Enquirer's" letter concerning the decision of the Board of Medical Examiners of the Philippines that the practice of Christian Science is illegal there, I regret that I have not got a copy of the law in question to refer to. But I will quote in part from a letter dated November 9th from Geo. D. Templeton to the *Manila Daily Bulletin* as follows:

"I assume the Board of Medical Examiners have based their opinion on Chapter 31 of the Administrative Code of the Philippine Islands, as amended by Act 3111, and if I am correct in this it is desired to point out that these laws do not make the practice of Christian Science illegal. Those now practising Christian Science in the Philippines are not doing so in violation of the law."

I have not heard if anything further has transpired since then. If "Enquirer" wants information regarding Christian Science, I suggest he pays a visit to the Christian Science Reading Room on Macdonnell Road, where he will be able to obtain all the information he desires. It is open on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10 to 12 and on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 5 to 7.

Turning now to "W.T.R." his letter, your correspondent is misinformed when he says that Christian Scientists "urge the physical sick to forego practical and proven aid," suggests that they "persuade weak-minded people to ignore medical science" and states that they "are a source of danger to the community."

I was myself at one time opposed to what I thought Christian Science to be, but I found later that it was only my false concept of it to which I was opposed. This is very common experience.

In order to be able to criticize repaid a sum which he had borrowed Christian Science intelligently, it ed for his own use. Books were necessary first of all to understand what it does teach, and to the arrival of the Empress of Canada we went on board for the study needs at least a study Canada from the individuals.

Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science.

The millions of people who have been healed or otherwise benefited by Christian Science, in very many cases after other means had failed, are testimony of what it has done and is doing for humanity.

In conclusion, if your correspondent should happen to meet the adverse winds of fortune and find that the staffs upon which he now leans are inadequate to restore health or satisfy in other ways, I would ask him to bear in mind that Christian Science has brought health and happiness to others in a similar plight and that it may be able to do the same for him.

Yours, etc.,

D. G. M. BERNARD,
Committee on Publication.

Hongkong, Dec. 17th, 1925.

While a farmer, M. Bousquet, was superintending operations at a sawmill, near Riberac, where some of his trees were being converted into planks, a cow tethered in the yard caught its foot in its chain, stated a Paris message. M. Bousquet stooped to free the animal, which, however, butted him violently, tossing him a distance of nine feet, where he fell beneath the circular saw. Before the saw could be stopped he was cut completely in two.

Compulsory anti-rabies vaccination have been decreed (says an Exchange wire) for all dogs in Lisbon, where lately there have

SALOON BOYS' LOAN.**INTERESTING CASE IN COURT.**

The story of a borrowed loan of \$800 by a No. 1, saloon boy, on board a steamer, which was used, it was stated for the purpose of lending to other boys on board at a profit, and was alleged not to have been repaid, was told in the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice Wood. The plaintiff was Tsang Yan-kee, and the defendant was Tsang Tso. Mr. M. H. Turner appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. M. W. Lo for the defendant.

In answer to Mr. Justice Wood, Mr. Turner said there were no documents he was entitled to put into Court, and he did not propose to produce any unless they were required.

The wife of the plaintiff said just before September 3rd, her husband asked her to lend him some money to lend to the defendant, and she went to the bank and drew out \$806.75, which was equal to £100 on the rate of exchange for the day. She gave it to her husband in notes, who then handed it to his brother, who was present, and he counted it. He then handed it to the defendant. There were about thirty persons present. The defendant then paid some of the money out, and kept some. She could not say how much he kept. He agreed to pay her back in two months time, and add 2½% interest. He gave her no security for it, and she next saw him on October 26th, when he said he would pay it back the next day. He paid her \$80 that night. Since that time nothing had been paid.

Examined by Mr. Lo, witness said she had known the defendant at Liverpool. She had not lent him money before. The defendant was a No. 1 saloon boy, and her husband was engaged in the shipping line. He was not in the habit of lending money to his friends. The defendant wanted the money to lend to other boys on board the steamer he was engaged on. Her husband's brother was a saloon boy on the Empress of Canada, and at that time was the assistant to the defendant. When the Empress returned from the trip, her husband went on board, and later told her he had not received any of the money back.

Asked by Mr. Wood what his defence was, Mr. Lo said his case was that plaintiff was more or less a money-lender, as he lent money to the defendant to lend to boys. They claimed that the money had been repaid.

Re-examined by Mr. Turner, witness said the money was to pay her return passage to England.

The plaintiff, in the witness box, said he did not make it a habit of lending money. He lent money to the defendant on Sept. 3rd to lend to other boys. When the money was handed over, a number of boys from the steamer were present.

He had subsequently repaid \$80.

Examined by Mr. Lo, plaintiff said the defendant would make a good profit on the money, but plaintiff would not benefit by it.

He was shown a book, which he said was not his, but admitted that two copies were his. He admitted that he had lent the defendant \$100 on another occasion.

Plaintiff's husband, in the box, admitted that the defendant had

produced which showed that he had repaid a sum which he had borrowed for his own use. Books were necessary first of all to understand what it does teach, and to the arrival of the Empress of Canada we went on board for the study needs at least a study Canada from the individuals.

Mr. Justice Wood: How can the case go further after this evidence?

Mr. Turner: I regret having taken up the time of the Court. I have been misinformed I am afraid.

His Lordship therefore entered judgment for defendant, with costs.

**U. S. RUBBER
INTERESTS.****FOOTING IN DUTCH INDIES.**

New York, Dec. 16.

The initial issue of five thousand shares of a hundred guilders each in the Dutch-American Rubber Plantation Company has been fully subscribed at a price of forty dollars a share.

The bankers concerned, half the issue as a wedge of American participation in rubber production in the Dutch Indies. A similar block of shares is being offered in Amsterdam. —Reuters' American Service.

SCOTTISH CUP.**DRAW FOR FIRST ROUND.**

London, December 16. The draw for the first round proper of the Scottish Cup, which is to be played on January 20th, is as follows:

Nairn County v. St. Johnstone.

Peebles Rovers v. Keith.

Royal Albert v. Alloa.

Arbroath v. Berwick Rangers.

Cowdenbeath v. Hamilton Arch-

dians.

Kilmarnock v. Celtic.

Boness v. East Fife.

Clyde v. Dunfermline.

Hibernians v. Broxburn.

Bathgate v. East Stirlings.

Queen's Park v. Clydemark.

Dumbarton v. Buckie.

Third Lanark v. Moor Park.

Solway Star v. Johnstone.

Partick v. Motherwell.

Aberdeen v. St. Bernards.

Dundee v. Inverness Caledo-

nians.

Albion v. Nithsdale.

Civil Service v. Leith.

Rangers v. Lochgelly.

Dundee United v. Hearts.

King's Park v. Peterhead.

Montrose v. Clacknacuddin.

Douglas Wanderers v. Forfar.

Brechin v. Thornhill.